

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 1308, JOBS AND GROWTH TAX RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule XXII, clause 7(c) I announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. Speaker, I move that the managers on the part of the House in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1308 be instructed as follows:

1. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report the provision of the Senate amendment not included in the House amendment that provides immediate payments to taxpayers receiving an additional credit by reason of the bill in the same manner as other taxpayers were entitled to immediate payments under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.

2. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report the provision of the Senate amendment not included in the House amendment that provides families of military personnel serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones a child credit based on the earnings of the individuals serving in the combat zone.

3. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report all of the other provisions of the Senate amendment and shall not report back a conference report that includes additional tax benefits not offset by other provisions.

4. To the maximum extent possible within the scope of the conference, the House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report other tax benefits for military personnel and the families of the astronauts who died in the Columbia disaster.

The House conferees shall, as soon as practical after the adoption of this motion, meet in open session with the Senate conferees and the House conferees shall file a conference report consistent with the preceding provisions of this instruction, not later than Friday, July 18, 2003.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BENNY CARTER

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of the legendary musician, Benny Carter, this past Saturday at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. He was 95.

Benny Carter's life and career literally spanned the 20th century. His music encompassed the history of jazz and much more. Ranked with the likes of Johnny Hodges and Charlie Parker, Benny Carter is considered one of the greatest alto saxophonists of all times. Ella Fitzgerald described him as "everything a musician would want to be"; while Miles Davis said, "Everybody ought to listen to Benny. He is a

whole musical education." And the great Ben Webster said about Carter, "He is the only person that I get the shakes trying to play my horn behind or with him."

Born in New York in 1907, Carter received his first music lessons from his mother, but was largely a self-taught musician. In the late 1920s he joined Fletcher Henderson's seminal orchestra and in 1931 became musical director for McKinney's Cotton Pickers.

Returning to New York in 1938, Carter formed his own top-flight orchestra and spent much of 1939 and 1940 at Harlem's famed Savoy Ballroom. His arrangements were much in demand and featured on recordings by Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Glen Miller, Gene Krupa, and Tommy Dorsey.

We will miss this outstanding and this exemplary musician. May he rest in peace.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES INFLUENCING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, for 21 years I have been in the Congress, and for 21 years I have supported the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) and the people who were fighting for the lives of the unborn, the pro-life organizations. And for 21 years I received accolades from religious organizations all over this country. In fact, the Traditional Values Coalition last year asked me to be a member of their board of directors.

Well, I do not know if my colleagues can see this on television or not, but this was mailed out into my district this past week. It is a picture of a little baby sucking on a pacifier or something, and underneath it is a mother with a package of pills that are supposed to be the RU-486, the abortion pill that would cause an abortion 24 hours after conception, or after conception sometime. It says on the front of it next to this little baby, "Will Congressman DAN BURTON miss an opportunity to protect the sanctity of human life?"

I do not understand that, how a religious organization can be manipulated by the pharmaceutical industry to do this sort of thing. They are supposed to be moral people; and yet I am confident, in fact I am dead sure, that the Traditional Values Coalition did not have the money to mail this kind of

trash out to congressional districts all across this country and also do television ads and radio ads going after Congressmen because they believe that seniors ought to be able to get re-imported drugs from Canada or Germany or some place else that cost one-sixth or one-tenth of what they cost in the United States.

And the reason the pharmaceutical industry is dead on the reimportation is because they are loading all of their profits on the backs of the American people while they are giving these pharmaceuticals for a much lower price in other parts of the country. Why should Americans pay six times as much money for Tamoxifen as they do in Germany? That is a cancer-fighting drug that women use to save their lives. In Canada and in Germany it costs \$60 for a 30- or 60-day supply. In the United States it costs \$360. Why should Americans pay that much more than other countries?

It is because the pharmaceutical companies are making so much money; and because they are afraid they are going to pass a reimportation bill, they are going after the people in the Congress who believe that people ought to pay the same prices here as they do other places.

How are they going after us? They are going after us with a meat cleaver, and they are trying to do it under a facade, under a tent so that they do not look like they are the bad guys. I am telling you, the Traditional Values Coalition and the other religious organizations that are putting out this kind of garbage, when they know it is not true, are being funded by the pharmaceutical industries. Now, they might say, oh, no, we are not.

Well, I tell you, tonight on the floor of the U.S. House, I am challenging every one of the religious organizations in this country who have endorsed me year after year after year for reelection, I am challenging them tonight to let us see their financial records because I want to see what the pharmaceutical companies are giving them in order for them to put this kind of stuff out. The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), who is the leading advocate for pro-life in this Congress, is a co-sponsor with me and others for the reimportation of pharmaceuticals to make sure Americans pay a fair price for pharmaceuticals. But the pharmaceutical companies are scared to death of that, and so what they are doing is loading up all of these organizations to come after us and to make us look like we are people that we are not.

So I say once again, Traditional Values Coalition who wanted me to be on your board last year because I am such a great guy, I want to see your financial records. Please show me your financial records and let me know that the pharmaceutical companies are not paying for this trash because I believe they are. And I say the same thing to all the other organizations. Jerry Falwell put an editorial in the paper